

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 is respectfully requested. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 9, 13, 15-16, 36-37, 42, 51, 55, 57-58, 67, 71, 73-74 will have been canceled, claims 1-8, 10-12, 14, 17-35, 38-41, 43-50, 52-54, 56, 59-66, 68-70, 72, and 75-76 will be pending in the application.

The indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 13, 37, 55, and 71 is acknowledged with appreciation. Independent claims 1, 35, 43, and 59 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of the respective dependent claims 13, 37, 55, and 71, and any intervening claims. Hence, it is believed independent claims 1, 35, 43, and 59 are in condition for allowance.

The allowance of claims 17-34 and 75-76 (as specified in the July 11, 2005 Final Action) was confirmed by a telephonic interview by Examiner Zewdu with the undersigned on October 3, 2005, where the Examiner indicated the Advisory Action mailed September 26, 2005 incorrectly listed these claims as rejected.

The amendments to claims 1, 35, 43, and 59 are without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter in claims 1, 35, 43, and 59 as originally filed: Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application to continue prosecution of these canceled claims.

The outstanding rejections under 35 USC §103 are moot in view of the foregoing.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-455, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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